



Week of June 15, 2020



COVID-19 Response: We Want to Hear from You

HPP wants to hear how your coalition or organization is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Let us know your needs and/or what is going well by emailing the [HPP mailbox](#). You can also add the #HPP hashtag to any social media posts that would be relevant for HPP and ASPR leadership. Information you share will be used by HPP and ASPR to better support your coalitions and organizations.

This Week's Updates

Here's what you need to know:

Emergency Response Activities

- Share Your COVID-19 Success Stories for the National Health Care Coalition Preparedness Conference
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Share Your COVID-19 Success Stories for the National Health Care Coalition Preparedness Conference

Health care coalitions are invited to submit abstracts by **11:59 PM ET, Monday, June 15, 2020**, for the 2020 National Health Care Coalition Preparedness Conference (NHCPC), which will be held **December 1 – 3, 2020**, in Las Vegas. Conference organizers ask that presentations align with the [designated conference topics](#), as well as how COVID-19 has impacted those areas. Presentations must incorporate coalitions by integrating and adopting various techniques, developing best practices and overall

value. Emergency Preparedness has never been more important - and strong, well-trained coalitions are foundational in any collaborative strategy.

#NHPC20 is focused on the future - using our collective experience to reshape coalition preparedness in the decade ahead. By using our hindsight to inform the future, we can assess how our preparedness and response efforts have previously fallen short, and collectively create a renewed vision that allows us to anticipate, address and stabilize current gaps in the communities we've committed to protect. The NHPC Program Advisory Committee is seeking abstracts which will empower coalitions to reach beyond the status quo to create and implement multi-disciplinary, cross-sector partnerships, and launch increased opportunities for innovative information sharing. Help inspire coalition leaders by sharing your success! Visit the [conference website](#) for information on how to submit.

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FEMA Mass Care Delivery Guidance Now Available

On June 10, 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued [guidance](#) to assist state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) governments in planning mass care delivery. Given the unique circumstances presented by a pandemic environment, planning is critical to ensure resources, facilities, and workers are in place to provide shelter services and maintain health and well-being of both survivors and workers. The Mass Care/Emergency Assistance Pandemic Planning Considerations guide provides information on sheltering, feeding, evacuation, and the federal resource request process.

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FDA Reissues EUAs Revising Which Types of Respirators Can be Decontaminated for Reuse

In response to public health and safety concerns about the appropriateness of decontaminating certain respirators, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [announced](#) the agency is reissuing certain emergency use authorizations (EUAs) to specify which respirators are appropriate for decontamination. Based on the FDA's increased understanding of the performance and design of these respirators, the FDA has decided that certain respirators should not be decontaminated for reuse by healthcare personnel.

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CMS Issues Guidance Encouraging Reopening of Healthcare Facilities

On June 9, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [released](#) a [guide](#) for patients and beneficiaries as they consider their in-person care options. During the height of the pandemic, many healthcare systems and patients postponed non-emergency, in-person care to keep patients and providers safe and to ensure capacity to care for COVID-19 patients. As states and regions across the United States see a decline in cases of COVID-19, CMS is providing these recommendations to ensure that non-emergency healthcare resumes safely and that patients are receiving needed in-person treatment that may have been postponed due to the public health emergency.

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NETEC COVID-19 Webinar Series

With the ever-evolving coronavirus pandemic, NETEC is committed to providing facilities with the tools to educate health care workers and share preparedness best practices.

In this webinar series, NETEC will highlight subject matter experts who have been immersed in the many challenges and topics around COVID-19. Please find all previous recordings and upcoming events [here](#).

Upcoming NETEC training opportunities this week:

Challenges, Strategies, and Lessons Learned: COVID-19 in EMS

Friday, June 19, 1:00 – 2:00 PM ET

[Registration information](#)

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COVID-19 Clinical Rounds: A Peer to Peer Virtual Community of Practice

COVID-19 Clinical Rounds are resource webinars intended for consultant physicians involved in critical care practice, fellows, residents, pharmacists, nursing staff, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, & allied health staff.

Upcoming Clinical Rounds training opportunities this week:

Critical Care: Supporting Our Mental Health

Tuesday, June 16, 12:00 – 1:00 PM ET

[Registration and connection information](#)

Emergency Department: COVID-19 and Hurricanes

Thursday, June 18, 12:00 – 1:00 PM ET

[Registration and connection information](#)

All previous recordings can also be found on the [Project Echo HHS ASPR Clinical Rounds website](#).

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First Responder Resiliency TeleECHO Program

The First Responder Resiliency ECHO is aimed at increasing self-care and resiliency in crisis. Led by a team of subject matter experts including internationally acknowledged disaster psychologist, Dr. George Everly, and Dr. Jeff Katzman, a leading expert in trauma and resiliency, this interdisciplinary team's expertise includes: Critical Incident Trauma Care, Psychiatry, Emergency and Pre-hospital Medicine, Law Enforcement Mental Health, and Pastoral Care.

These sessions are held **every Monday from 4:00 – 5:00 PM ET**

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Other News and Resources

CDC Online Resources

[CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: June 12, 2020](#)

[SARS-CoV-2 Infections and Serologic Responses from a Sample of U.S. Navy Service Members — USS Theodore Roosevelt, April 2020](#)

[Knowledge and Practices Regarding Safe Household Cleaning and Disinfection for COVID-19 Prevention — United States, May 2020](#)

[First Reported Cases of SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Companion Animals — New York, March–April 2020](#)

[Public Attitudes, Behaviors, and Beliefs Related to COVID-19, Stay-at-Home Orders, Nonessential Business Closures, and Public Health Guidance — United States, New York City, and Los Angeles, May 5–12, 2020](#)

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COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- **New** [Protecting Yourself When Using Transportation](#)
- **Update** [June 10 – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for the Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases \(ELC\) Cooperative Agreement: Enhanced Detection Guidance](#)
- **Update** [June 10 – Guidance on COVID-19 funding provided to all 64 ELC recipients through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act of 2020](#)

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Direct Care Workforce Resources

This [ASPR TRACIE TA response](#) includes resources related to shortages of direct care workforce staff (personal care aides, home health aides, nursing assistants) due to COVID-19, and strategies for workforce recruitment and sustainment.

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Health Promotion to Enhance Healthcare Worker Performance

Health care providers and emergency responders may experience significant stress during this pandemic. Check out [this document](#) from the COVID-19 Healthcare Resilience Task Force for policies and promising practices that can promote workforce health and resilience. It can be found in the [COVID-19 Behavioral Health](#) and [Workforce Resilience/Sustainability](#) Resources Collections.

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Longhorn PrimeStore® Molecular Transport Medium

This [HHS fact sheet](#) provides information on PrimeStore® MTM as an approved transport media for COVID-19 diagnostic swab samples.

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Q&A Now Available – Ensuring Healthcare Safety Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic

ASPR TRACIE, in collaboration with the HHS/FEMA COVID-19 Healthcare Resilience Task Force, hosted the [Ensuring Healthcare Safety throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) webinar, where speakers shared recent experiences and lessons learned while adjusting their health care systems in order to maintain safety within their organizations. Check out the webinar [Q & A document](#), which includes responses to all questions received. The [webinar recording](#) is also available.

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ASPR Blog: Honey! I just saved a life! Donating blood or plasma can help you save a life in your community.

Saving someone's life can be pretty simple. As a volunteer EMT and firefighter in my community, I have gone through a lot of training so I can provide life-saving care when seconds count. I am proud to serve on the frontlines of the response to COVID-19, both in my volunteer role and as a responder from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Yet you don't necessarily have to do all of that to help people in your community. Sometimes, all you need to do is dedicate a little time - and be willing to give up about a half a liter of your blood. [Read more.](#)

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- A promising two-antibody treatment for [#COVID19](#) is moving forward with support from [@BARDA](#). [@Regeneron](#)'s COVID-19 therapeutic cocktail is now entering Phase 1/Phase 2 clinical studies. [Learn more.](#)
- Many healthcare workers responding to the [#COVID19](#) pandemic are looking for ways to cope with fears of contracting [#COVID19](#), back-to-back shifts, information overload & more. Find out how you can reduce stress and improve performance. [Learn more.](#)
- Hospitals and healthcare facilities may find some challenges at the intersection of [#hurricane](#) season & [#COVID19](#) – but planning ahead can enhance response. Learn about planning considerations & resources you can use now so you are ready to [#SaveLives](#). [Learn more.](#)
- Our nation needs products to prevent & treat [#COVID19](#) - a promising approach may be able to do both! [@BARDA](#) is partnering with [@DARPA](#) & [@AstraZeneca](#) to develop a monoclonal antibody combination that could be used either before or after infection occurs. [Learn more.](#)

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